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Mitre Wins Medalist At Columbia For Thirteenth Time**Names Make News****Bells Are Ringing**

On Saturday, October 3, 1964, at eleven A.M., Miss Staffa, the dramatics coach, married Michael Duffy. The Nuptial Mass took place at Corpus Christi Church off the Columbia University campus where Miss Staffa has been active in the Newman Apostolate. She will interrupt her honeymoon, to return to Bishops to coach a three-act play.

The Thespians will present a Christmas pageant under the direction of Sister Mary Raymond on December 22 in conjunction with the Music Department under the direction of Sister Hilary.

The Male Animal

Kathleen Gerardi, '64 (of Goldwater, Laertes, Glee Club veep fame), reports that knighthood is flourishing at Thomas More College on the Fordham campus. A member of the first co-eds on Rose Hill, Kathy has yet to pay for her own lunch. She is also on the verge of being asked to the ROTC formal.

The Backbone is connected to...

The Student Body rejoices that the Administration has at last recognized the hazards to spine, humerus, ulna, and radius by allowing students to change books at the lockers. Perhaps the Administration will have the same solicitude for the entire human frame by moving the basement lockers apart.



Sister Mary Raymond, alumna, conducts enrichment class

Students Take Over

Among the seven new faculty members, are four alumnae who will now take their place on the other side of the desk: Sister Alexander, a music teacher from Little Flower; Sister Saint Hugh from St. Frances De Chantal, Wantagh; Sister Beata Virginia, a senior grade advisor, from Queen of All Saints and Sister Mary Raymond from Visitation, Brooklyn. Non-alumnae members of the faculty include: Sister Marie Daniel, who was teaching in Puerto Rico prior to coming to Bishops; Sister Anastasia Mary who came to us from Cardinal Spellman; and Sister John Agnes of Saint Mary's. All agree that they are happy to be teaching at Bishop's. (We suspect they wish they were alumnae).

The Sound of Music

The entire Student body welcomes Sister Hilary back after a long illness. It won't be long before those lilting melodies that have made Sister famous and the top floor a haven for music-lovers will pervade the air once again. One can easily suspect that the repair men who are laying the new roof atop the music room are tempted to stage a slowdown to enhance their aesthetic experience.



Rev. Fr. Franklin Fitzpatrick, Principal

Fr. Fitzpatrick Maps Changes

The enlarged curriculum proposed by Father Fitzpatrick went into effect in September. Among the changes are the following:

The commercial course which now starts in the sophomore instead of the junior year gives the student the opportunity to study three years of Spanish; a course in enrichment with a concentration on reading conducted by a specialist, Sister Mary Raymond, broadens the scope of the English Department; instruction in the newly erected language lab in 210 allows the students the added drill in the verbal and conversational ability of the four modern languages: French, German, Italian, Spanish; a regular class under the direction of the priest counselor in the senior curriculum educates the girls in the responsibilities which they will encounter in married life; advanced biology intensifies the freshman course for those students who manifest special ability; art, restored to the freshman classes, enables talented students to prepare for a three-year art sequence.

Marie Grillo Wins Scholarship In Honor Of John F. Kennedy

In December 1963, when students voted to establish a fund to be known as the Kennedy Scholarship, they collected in excess of \$1,700, to provide tuition and fees for deserving seniors. Marie Grillo is the first Kennedy Scholar.

The girl, to whom the scholarship is awarded, is chosen by her grade adviser on the basis of scholastic achievement and the contributions she has made to extra-curricular and parish activities. Marie Grillo, one of the nine justices, is Secretary of the Student Court and Vice President of D10-105.

A member of Saint John the Baptist Parish in Brooklyn, Marie gave up her summer to be a counsellor at the Religious Vacation Center in her parish. The desire to do apostolic work has likewise drawn her to teach catechism to the children at Our Lady of the Presentation Church on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She is a member of the Leo Honor Society and has appeared on the Honor Roll regularly.

The scholarship will be granted as long as the fund lasts.

The question of continuing this student - sponsored scholarship fund in honor of President Kennedy will rest with the student body. At a later date the Student Senate will be summoned to vote on its continuity.



Marie Grillo, Kennedy Scholar

Prized Award For Journalism Goes To Year Book

On October 9, The Columbia University Scholastic Press Association announced that the school year book, the Mitre, won the Medalist in the annual national journalistic competition with 982 out of 1,000 points. This award is the highest honor a publication can receive in the United States.

SIGNIFICANCE

In order to achieve this literary distinction, the Mitre had to compile, edit, and present an original, professional and accurate picture of a year's scholastic, social and extra curricular events in Bishop McDonnell.

HISTORY

The Mitre was originated in 1952 by the former principal, the late Monsignor William Cavanagh. During its fourteen-year history, the Mitre has taken the Medalist thirteen times. In 1960 the year book dropped to First Honors because a device introduced on page one failed to produce the desired result.

The title page deeply silhouetted with a backdrop of the Virgin Mother and an overlapping picture of Memorialites at work, tore as the page opened thereby rendering it virtually impossible to keep the title page intact.

In 1961 the Mitre returned to the Medalist Division by winning the highest score in the nation, with 990 points.

STAFF

The present senior members of the Mitre staff who worked on the 1964 book include: Helen Brown, Marie Gelato, Barbara Locurto, Frances Lazinski, Ina Harrison, Teresa Pastillo, Pamela Jannaco, Patricia Moccia, Carole Salerno, Elizabeth McLoughlin, Lynne Davis, Sandra Labardi, Mary Ellen Quinlan, Maureen DeLiso, Eileen Moore, and Kathleen Reid.

ADVISERS

Formerly head of Dramatics, Sister Annella is currently replacing Sister Helen Jerome, the 1964 moderator, who has been assigned to Puerto Rico. Assistant moderator is Sister Mary Hugh. The publisher of the year book is William Cooke, Co. represented by Mr. John Ursprung. Routel Studios, directed by Mr. George Routel, does the photography.

From Pope Paul VI: a reminder

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AND
FAITHFUL
POPE PAUL VI

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Marie Sansone.

... on writing letters to the editor

We urge the students to see the value of voicing their opinion in Letters to the Editor in their school paper. Though many letters are written, they, more often than not, land in the waste paper basket. Some girls may have shown the initiative but they don't follow through on accuracy, a most important principle of journalism. Therefore, the following rules must be observed if students wish their views published.

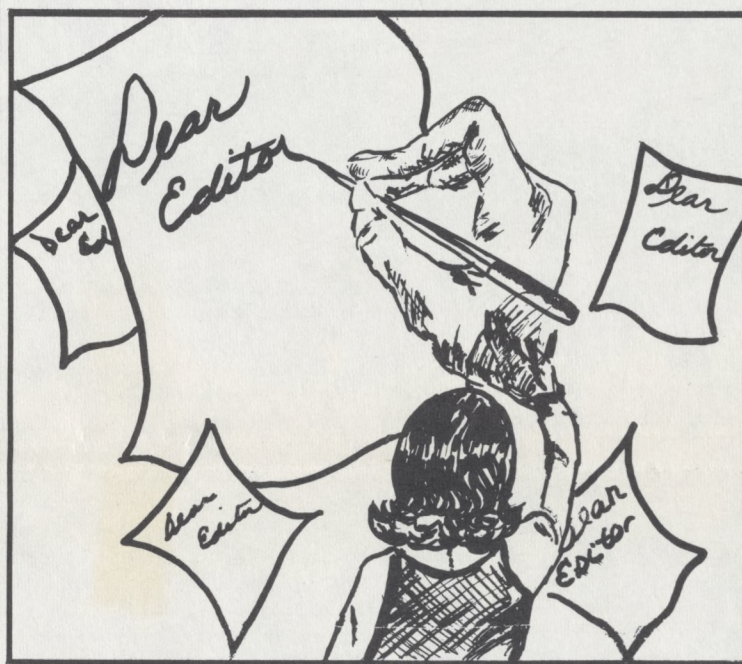
The letter should be CLEAR.

Reader A's Letter

Dear Editor:

Isn't there any way of improving the situation that exists in the cafeteria?

Which situation is Reader A referring to? Is it the long lines, the pushing, the noise, the bare shelves at last lunch or the many announcements. Since this student didn't make her letter clear, we have no other alternative than to reduce her communication to a litter bit.



Secondly, the subject matter should be RELEVANT.

Speaker B Writes—

Dear Editor:

When the windows are open in my classroom, I hear very weird noises. The jamming down on the brakes scares me out of 10 years' growth. How can these annoyances be removed?

For shame! Just when we thought we had a good, bold letter, we get a problem even Commissioner Barnes can't handle.

Next, all letters should be GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT. Amongst the ink marks we've deciphered Reader C's letter:

Dear Editor:

I accidently noticed you didn't write an article about my classes new plans.

We'd like to find Reader C before Christmas so we can give her a volume of Tressler's ENGLISH in ACTION. However, a highly disappointed staff member has already liquidated this ungrammatical letter as has been described in regard to letter A and implied for letter B.

You could vegetate at Bishops for four years. No one would really notice. You could reflect the same indifference that 23% of the student body displayed in not voting in our election poll. But if you want to stand up and be counted, the Laurel is waiting to hear from you. Express your opinions, complaints, or suggestions in conformity with the above rules. Don't let your Letter to the Editor become a Litter to the Editor.

J. F. K. One Year Later

John Fitzgerald Kennedy, handsome, resourceful, heroic, deservedly proud and ambitious of great achievement, was a man to whom much was given and of whom much was expected. On November 22, 1963, the assassin's bullet felled this magnanimous soul.

Let us recall the words that combine to make him a symbol of American ideals.

His vision:

"Let the word go forth, from this time and place, to friend and foe alike, that the torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans born in this century, tempered by war, disciplined by a hard and bitter peace, proud of our ancient heritage . . ."

Inaugural Address
January, 1961
Washington, D.C.

His religion:

"We ask, therefore, that we may be worthy of our power and responsibility, that we may exercise our strength with wisdom and restraint — and that we may achieve in our time and for all time the ancient vision of peace on earth, good will toward men."

Speech to be delivered at
the Dallas Trade Mart,
November 22, 1963
Dallas, Texas

His foresight:

"We must look to long days ahead which if we are courageous and persevering can bring us what we all desire. In meeting my responsibilities in these coming months as President I need your good will, your support and above all, your prayers."

Speech during the Berlin Crisis
August, 1961
Washington, D.C.

His patriotism

"Let every nation know . . . that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."

Inaugural Address
January, 1961
Washington, D.C.

On November 22, 1963, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas, Texas by Lee Harvey Oswald, who in the words of the Warren Report was "profoundly alienated . . . mediocrity and defeat plagued him all his life."

As President of the United States, his career ended that day, but as a symbol of American youth, eloquence and shining example, his career had only begun. At his Inaugural Address, President Kennedy delivered his best-known injunction to the American people: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." John Fitzgerald Kennedy fulfilled this precept November 22, 1963 when he gave his life for his country.

We, as leaders of the coming generation are expected to accept willingly "the torch" extended by President Kennedy and dedicated with his blood.

Maureen and Joan Boost Spirit of Student Council

Student Council President Maureen Hogan and Vice-President Joan Schusteritsch launched the 1964-1965 session of the Student Council at the annual council assembly. Both officers stressed the importance of active student participation in the school government. As Maureen stated, the Student Council should also be regarded as "an organization open to suggestions and petitions besides being the disciplinary force at Bishops."

Yet, the Student Council is only the more publicized aspect of the student government. In her address, Joan Schusteritsch proposed the broadening of the Student Senate, the least known and the best represented organization at Bishops. Comprised of Student Council representatives, class presidents and vice-presidents, the Student Senate this year is to serve as a "rostrum from which the students may express their opinions."

Besides providing more privileges for the students, Maureen and Joan have also emphasized the necessity of "law and order in Bishop McDonnell." To insure the enforcement of school laws, Student Councilors are now ordered to issue a summons to any girl who commits a school transgression whether in school or in the vicinity. As Maureen said and Joan confirmed, "A girl who does not obey school laws cannot enjoy school privileges."

To facilitate dismissal, Joan stressed perpetual silence in the lockers. This proposal was originally introduced by Sister Miriam Jerome, new dean of girls. For those who are used to conversing in the lockers, red-lettered signs reading "silence" have been posted. Student Councilors have also been asked to make sure that the girls do not change their shoes when they are dismissed. Since the shoes are considered part of the uniform, a girl not wearing uniform shoes will be given a summons.

When Maria CeloCruz, former Council President and now a freshman at Smith College, turned over the gavel to Maureen, she also presented her with the Mascot, "Franklin." Rev. Franklin E. Fitzpatrick, principal, presided at the ceremony on Class Day.



Among those who tried out for the Varsity were Maria Serpico and Carol Conry.

School Enthusiasm Rises As Varsity Season Opens

Fr. Fitzpatrick has announced that the diocese has lifted the ban on inter-school competition. Before this restriction, Mrs. McGreevy and Mrs. Berberich led the varsity to an undefeated season. Eight years ago, the varsity was replaced by intramural competition. Although these games stimulated sportsmanship, they lacked the quality of a wider competitive field. Under the direction of Mrs. Vilma Timony, coach, the team will play its first game against St. Joseph High School on November 6.

Seniors chosen for the team include: Angela Vassallo, Mary Fitzpatrick, Maureen Hogan, Diane Perdubinski, Isis Johnson, Kathleen Smyth, Lorraine Nonna, Cecelia Finneran, Lenora Lee, and Dorothy Wystepek. Juniors who made the team are Stephanie Jackson, Carol Conry, Irene McGowan, Mary Conway, and Diane Catalanatta. Those selected from the sophomore class are Eileen Phillips, Margaret Wall and Elizabeth Sweeny.

The re-activated varsity will be supported at the games by cheerleaders under captain Frances Barone and co-captain Lorraine Vetter.

Be Active In Lay Apostolate:

JOIN THE SODALITY

Mission Drive Tops Nation: Memorialites Uphold Tradition

By JO-ANN GILL

The success story of Bishop McDonnell Mission Crusade is the compelling force of love which the girls bear for the "least of Christ's brethren." Motivated by love for the past thirty-eight years, the girls' missionary zeal and enthusiasm have fermented into a living legend of work, sacrifice, and prayer.

Each year the Crusade Drive opens with a variety of enterprises that would put Andrew Carnegie, John Rockefeller, J. P. Morgan and the other philanthropists to shame. Students sell assorted cookies, chocolate-nutted bars, candies, Christmas decorations, wrappings, cards and religious articles to relatives and friends. In addition, the girls turn into shoe-shine boys overnight at the locker room and advertise a laundering service for school blouses.

The individual classes, themselves, conduct raffles, box-lunches, cake sales, slave auctions, bingo games, pizza and spaghetti parties. Last year, Mr. Russo, our beloved custodian, contributed no small assistance to the drive by caring for a puppy-turned-dog over a six week period.

The Crusade Drive, then, is essentially people: the knights and ladies of Christ. It is first and foremost, the enthusiasm of His Excellency, Bishop John Boardman, and Monsignor James Asip who have been coming to Bishop McDonnell to open the Drive for the last 18 years. It is Father Fitzpatrick, our principal, and the faculty whose dedication is a reminder of the type of life a missionary embraces. It is the girls of Bishop McDonnell. Their generosity, ingenuity, and effort are written in purple and gold in every portion of the globe where Christ's message is being preached.

The hopes and dreams of years, the command "Go forth teaching all nations," are being realized in far away places all because of many sacrifices of Bishops' girls. Throughout the materialistic world, the question frequently arises as to why the girls respond with such ardor to the mission crusade. The answer's simply because the cause is so close to home. Many students have had teachers or know alumnae at Bishop McDonnell who are now engaged in the mission fields. Here, the students feel, they are personally represented and hence, they have a responsibility to care. Secondly, taking their cue from Dr. Tom Dooley who contributed so heartily to the deprived people in Asia all he had to offer—his Christian life as a doctor—and realizing the limitations of their present state in life, the girls also want to give of themselves and the Mission Drive is their avenue of distribution.

Since 1947 they have contributed \$500,000 to the missions. To this sum, must be added \$12,800 for the year 1963-1964. This year's drive is currently underway. Already the students have pledged the phenomenal sum of \$8,000. The girls have adopted the theme of the Pepsi-Cola Company in the New York World's Fair, "It's a small, small world," as the 1964-1965 Mission's motto. By their works and prayers, they hope to help make this statement a reality.

The story of Bishop McDonnell and its mission activity will grow as each new student body sees the value of helping others. It will be a story which Memorialites never tire of repeating. "For it is in the giving, that we receive . . ."

Variety Keynotes Extra-Curricular Activities

Going Therefore . . .

Memorialites teach catechism to underprivileged children at Presentation Parish. Under the guidance of Father Eder, Sister Jean Philip and Sister Jean Baptiste, the children at Presentation will experience the realization of Christ's love.

The girls who teach include: Eileen Kitcher, Patricia Perna, Rose Caputo, Gloria Lopez, Mary Heyer, Joanne Keenan, Josephine Merola, Rosemarie Baglivio, Jane Montelione, Sonia Giscombe, Linda Carty, Maureen Williamson, Gladys Mora, Shirlane Sanduro, Alice Legg, Faye DeSanto, Patricia Moccia, Marie Grillo, Kathryn Dallas, Winifred Turner, Rita Lane, Patricia Clemen, Mary Berry, Mildred Carlin, and Mary-Ann Savarese.

Tiens, Vous Voila

For all students who are interested in French, there is club francais that meets every other Wednesday. Thus far, the club has staged a Halloween Masquerade using French history as a background for costumes. Along with this, the club members are currently planning their own version of "You Don't Say" and "Password."

During the course of the year these avid students would like also to present "Cyrano de Ber-

gerac," en francais. Under the guidance of their officers, Herlinda Santullano, president, Pat Truffelli, vice-president, and their moderator Sister Louis Mary, the club hopes to attend lectures at the French Institute.

Bowlers Strike Again

Of all the extra-curricular activities this year, the Bowling Club has 393 members, the largest club membership in the school.

Teams play at the Bedford Lane where students pay twenty-five cents a game and three games for a dollar, including shoes. The secretaries of the Bowling Club are Nicolena Terrana, Christine Wysocki and Lorraine Cammarata.

Each May trophies are awarded

to the girls on the two top teams. Individual trophies are given for the highest average and the greatest improvement.

Atencion Senioritas

Looking for a fiesta after school? The search is ended. El Club Espanol, with moderators Sister Frances Cabrini and Sister Mary Daniel creates this atmosphere. Its meetings are held every second and fourth Wednesday in Room 319.

The club participates in various activities such as: reading Spanish periodicals, trying to imitate the voices of noted Spaniards and listening to popular Spanish records. The club makes frequent visits to libraries and to the Met-



S. Miriam Arthur helps Madeline Dawson D5d-313 and Sophia Ciechanowski D1-301, members of the Math Club, battle with one of their more intriguing problems. The club meets every other Thursday in room 301.



Above are Mary Stanton, Rose Mary Grass and Louise Arrata, members of the Art Club that meets every Monday under the direction of S. Mary Jeanne in room 306.

ropolitan Museum of Art to see exhibits and listen to lectures that are of interest to Spanish students. The club offers these opportunities to students having two or more years of Spanish.

Politicians Unite

The Seton History Club sessions are held every other Wednesday in Room 105. The Club's main purpose is to enable the girls to understand better today's ever changing world. Mary McMechan is president and Joan Bedel, Secretary.

The moderators, Sister Mary Aquin and Sister Michael Marian have planned an active year including discussions, debates, movies, guest lectures, etc. The club

visited the Republican and Democratic headquarters in New York.

Voices Join In Song

One of the most popular major activities is the Chorus, formerly called the Glee Club, directed by Sister Mary Alexander and Mr. John Renner. Before being accepted into the Chorus, each girl is tested. One hundred girls have been accepted this year. The Chorus takes part in a Christmas program and a Spring Concert. This year's officers are Linda Mauro, President; Wanda Adamiak, Vice President; Ann Giambruno, Secretary; and Karen DeVora, Treasurer. One feature of the Chorus is the Senior Ensemble, comprised of the Senior members. The Chorus meets Tuesday and Thursday.

The Forgotten "Men"

The physical fitness crusade has not evaded Tomasina Guerriero of A-10-401. This frosh is certainly an avid sports fan and enjoys participation in almost any sport from basketball, horseback riding, ice skating, to bicycle riding, bowling, and roller skating. However, she confesses that her all-time favorite is swimming.

As for school itself, Tomasina has already shown her vitality and spirit while acting as vice-president of her official class. She is looking forward to helping stage the fashion show and joining dramatics.



Tomasina Guerriero

Those of you who expect to find yourself in Student Court some Monday afternoon had better become friendly with Lorraine Murray, vice-president of D12-315. Warnings of the F.B.I. notwithstanding, to say nothing of those of Commissioner Murphy, it pays to know an Associate Judge.

When not serving on the bench, Lorraine spends her spare time singing, dancing and watching the New York Yankees on T.V. Her efficiency as a secretary is best illustrated by the fact that she is a probationary member of the National Business Honor Society. Lorraine is also active in her parish Bowling League.



Lorraine Murray

After eight years at Saint Rita School in Brooklyn, Ausra Kregzdys in her own words, "has finally made it to Bishops." She brings with her an interesting background and keeps alive her heritage by dancing in a Lithuanian folk dance group (she's already appeared at the World's Fair three times!).

At home, Ausra sketches and paints. Her favorite music is folk songs and she really "digs" such groups as the New Christy Minstrels, Brothers Four and Peter, Paul and Mary. Vice-president of A3-112, she hopes to become a member of the Art Club and the Dramatics Society.



Ausra Kregzdys

A smiling face and happy disposition are the two trademarks of Veronica Johnson of B10-308, a versatile sophomore. While in school she pages in the library and also works for the Crusade Unit. The rest of her school time is spent studying, and of course, serving as vice-president of her class.

Since Veronica loves to dance, much of her spare time is spent traveling to and from dances at Saint Augustine. Listening to records, reading good books, and taking long walks are a few more of her pastimes.



Veronica Johnson

Election Poll

Laurel reps recorded student political sentiment in a pre-election survey conducted in each official room. Out of 1,718 students 1,012 responded. The results:

LYNDON B. JOHNSON—77%
ROBERT F. KENNEDY—74%

The remainder of students were indifferent, or felt it was no real contest, or didn't wish to express an opinion.

Every Wednesday ASSIST AT MASS

Father J. Mondel Serves As Counselor To Students

Contrary to the views of many teen-agers, it is not necessary to have a spiritual or emotional problem to speak to a priest-counselor. If a student has anything at all which requires advice, she may discuss it with a priest. This year, the students of Bishop McDonnell have Rev. Joseph Mondel for full-time priest-counselor.

Since his ordination in 1954, Father had been a curate at Our Lady of the Snows Parish in North Floral Park. However, this school is not completely strange to Father Mondel. Some months after his ordination, Father saw his sister graduate from the same stage on which he currently offers Mass every Wednesday.

Father's main purpose at Bishops is to establish an informal priest-student relationship. To facilitate this, Father intends to interview every Memorialite beginning with the seniors. In place of the annual retreat triduum, Father plans to hold four days of recollection, representing one day for each year.

Any student wishing to see Father must fill out the slip for this purpose found on the box provided in the main hall next to the Sacred Heart statue. Father checks the student's program, and arranges to see her during a free period. Otherwise, if the student has no free periods, since the matter is of religious significance, she will be called during a religion class.

Mystery Stalks Juniors on Washington Trip

On Friday, October 9, Washington D.C. newscasters advised that the F.B.I. were alerted to the presence of eight adults traveling in the company of eighty-seven teenagers from a school on Eastern Parkway in Brooklyn. News headquarters reported the following suspicious activities: on Friday, at four P.M. the company was first observed entering the F.B.I. Building where they appeared interested in a variety of weapons. The G-Men's fears might have been allayed had the group not proceeded to the National Archives where valuable information was extracted from secret government documents. Security was reinforced when the party seemed to show unusual interest in the Washington Monument which overlooks the city.

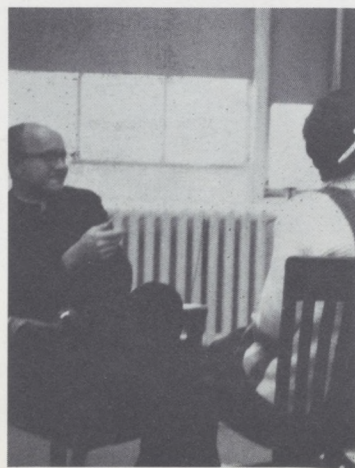
Later, at the Gramercy Inn, one of the more observant spied the group devouring a purple and gold cake. The C.I.A. are still trying to determine which organization has these for their institutional colors.

On Saturday at 9:32 A.M., the entourage was guided through the Capitol Building and the Smithsonian Institute where the party showed special regard for such things as the Hall of the First Ladies and the Hope Diamond.

Then their strategy changed. After this the gold and purple people spent a solemn afternoon placing a wreath on the grave of the late

President, toured the Franciscan Monastery, the Immaculate Conception Shrine and the Lincoln Memorial. This concentration on religion intensified suspicion.

At 9:45 A.M. on Sunday, the forces were carefully followed as they descended upon Mount Vernon and the United States Naval Academy. Washington sources were now thoroughly enlightened as to the plan of action. The horde was going to kidnap a midshipman! The F.B.I. and Secret Service men waited . . . nothing happened! Darn it. The motorcade was last observed driving down the highway singing Beatle songs.



Fr. Mondel interviews a Senior.

Requiescat In Pace

The faculty and student body of Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School wish to extend their deepest sympathy to Sister Jean Philip, C.S.J. and Sister St. Florence, C.S.J., Margaret Brust, Linda Vogel, and Julia Lenti on the death of their fathers; to Mary Cullen and Anna Danna on the death of their mothers; to the members of St. Teresa of Avila parish on the death of their Pastor, Rt. Rev. William T. Dillon. Monsignor Dillon will be remembered for his generosity in extending the facilities of his church for Class Day to Bishop McDonnell which is located in St. Teresa's Parish.

School Honors 61 Memorialites

The Leo Honor induction, which will take place Wednesday, November 4, will include an address by Maria Foffe, president of the Leo Honor Society. Included among the sixty-one girls chosen for leadership and high scholastic achievement and participation in extra-curricular and parish activities, are the following: Sandra Sandvoss, top ranking Junior; Margaret Hopkins, member of the Laurel staff; and Carol Ann Franco, co-chairman of the Ushers.

The parents of the new members have been invited to attend. Father Fitzpatrick will present the Leo Honor pins at the ceremony.

WHAT IS A RING

**On Wednesday, November 25, Father Fitzpatrick Will
Bless The Rings For 477 Seniors.**

What Will This Ceremony Mean To Them?

For centuries, various civil organizations have used the finger ring. The Egyptians, Phoenicians, Romans, Arabs, Indians and Europeans created different designs employing scarabs, jewels, metals, stones and precious materials. In some eras, only royalty could wear rings; in others, people of noble birth enjoyed the privilege of wearing rings fashioned of valuable metals and jewels, while slaves were permitted to wear rings of iron or copper. Even the Church developed ecclesiastical rings to signify the Pope's authority as successor of St. Peter and for the bishops, their rank in the Church. Through the years, the concept of the ring has been greatly altered.

What does the Bishop McDonnell senior ring mean to the graduate? It means purple and gold, Virtus et Scientia, a personalized inscription, and Bishop McDonnell, 1965.

Purple and gold—The school colors are a reminder of an education in Christian tradition, The Crusade Drive, Washington Trip, Ring Day, Junior Dance, Senior Dance, Senior Prom, "Nuts in May," small lockers, College Boards.

Virtus, courage — Even if they leveled Bishops to the ground, they could never destroy that fighting spirit which is a legacy from the alumnae. It supports their successors when they find

themselves on a one man team in a heathen world.

Et Scientia—scientia, scientiae, f., knowledge. Forget this? Never. Many were the times and heavy were the eyelids as one pounded in those declensions; worked a chem. equation, or solved rational, integral functions.

A name—How often did one write it on homework, tests, applications and file cards? In the years ahead, the signature will be different. One's destiny is altered in a number of ways.

Bishop McDonnell Memorial High School, 1965—"Memorial, Memorial, we pledge eternal loyalty. Through all our days we'll sing your praise . . ."



*Ruth Roth
Young Teens Division
Bklyn Public Library
Grand Army Plaza
Bklyn, NY*